

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

1. Election/Restriction Requirement

As set forth in the Office Action, the Examiner has entered a Restriction Requirement, wherein two claim groupings have been identified, as follows:

- I. Claims 1-16, drawn to a door assembly, classified in class 49, subclass 193,
- II. Claims 17-20, drawn to a method of mounting a door assembly to a structure, classified in class 49, subclass 506.

Applicants hereby confirm their election, without traverse, of Group I (claims 1-16) for examination in the present application. The non-elected claims (claims 17-20) are canceled herein, without prejudice. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue the non-elected subject matter through one or more divisional applications.

2. Drawings

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner has advanced a series of objections to applicants' drawings. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding drawing objections are respectfully requested in view of the amended drawings and amendments to the specification submitted herewith. Each of the drawing objections is briefly addressed herein.

- Figure 4 is subject to objection based on the lead lines associated with reference characters 116 and 118. An amended Figure 4 that addresses the noted informality is submitted herewith. No new matter is introduced by

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Applicants submit herewith a single replacement sheet (sheet 3/6) wherein the lead lines for reference characters 116 and 118 in Figure 4 are accurately associated with the arcuate surfaces designated thereby. Applicants respectfully submit that the replacement sheet fully complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(d). Prompt entry of the proposed replacement sheet – which contains amended Figure 4 – is respectfully requested.

reason of the proposed changes to Figure 4, and prompt entry thereof is respectfully requested.

- Figures 7 and 8 are subject to objection because the specification refers to such drawings as “cross-sectional” views, but the drawings do not reflect the requisite cross-hatchings. Applicants have determined that the views of Figures 7 and 8 are in fact “end views” and have amended the specification accordingly. In view of the amendments to the specification presented herein, applicants respectfully submit that Figures 7 and 8 are proper. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objection to Figures 7 and 8 in view of the amendments to the specification presented herein are respectfully requested.

3. Amendments to the Specification

Applicants have amended the specification to provide a more descriptive title, and to address inadvertent errors in the characterization of Figures 7 and 8. Applicants have also amended the specification to address the Examiner’s suggestions regarding the Brief Description of the Drawings, to correct an editorial error on page 10 of the specification, and to incorporate the Serial Number for an application filed contemporaneously with the present application, and have amended the Abstract to address the Examiner’s comments and suggestions. No new matter has been introduced by way of the proposed amendments to the specification. Prompt entry thereof is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing amendments to the specification obviate the Examiner’s objections thereto. Reconsideration and withdrawal of such objections are respectfully requested.

4. Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, based on indefiniteness issues that are specifically identified in the Office Action. Applicants note with appreciation, however, that the claims have been determined to patentably distinguish over the art of record, provided the Section 112 issues are properly addressed. In that regard, applicants note the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for the Indication of Allowable Subject Matter.

Applicants have amended the claims so as to address each of the indefiniteness issues raised in the Office Action. No new matter has been introduced by way of applicants' claim amendments. Prompt entry of the proposed claim amendments is solicited. Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims, as amended, comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112, para. 2. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Section 112 rejection are earnestly solicited.

5. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance. Prompt action leading to an early Notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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